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REPORT

To Our Readers - Owners

UNITY WEEK!

This issue of East Bay Labor Journal, as made clear in other columns on this page, stresses the unity of the labor movement as achieved December of last year, and as achieving many things since that historic merger convention of the two great branches of the trade union movement.

As Labor Day approaches, the thought of that unity, the hope that it will persist, and the determination that it shall persist, remain dominant in the minds of the great majority of AFL-CIO members. The thing is still new, it has already survived some serious strains, and new problems lie across its path.

But there is nothing surprising about this. Any time the labor movement thinks it has attained a condition of complete safety, it has ceased to be a movement. Instead, it would have to be considered a stagnation.

A RESTFUL PAUSE

Nevertheless, we of labor are entitled to a little restful pause as we near our great annual day, and to reflecting how much better the atmosphere is since there ceased to be the painful rivalry between the old AFL and the CIO.

One of the pictures on this page shows some of the united leaders of a united labor having a good hot argument, obviously, at a session of the Executive Council of the AFL-CIO. Bates of the Bricklayers seems to be laying down the law as he sees it, and Carey and McDonald of the old CIO are listening attentively. It's a good picture, because it reminds us that debate, dispute, disagreement, still are with us. But that picture also reminds us that our labor people can now sit down at a table and talk things over—and that is what living unity is: discussion takes the place of dog-fighting.

A BIG JOB

One of the best ways of showing that we are unified and that we intend to act upon that assumption is to see to it that more labor people get registered for the November election than ever before. In wishing to see as many citizens as possible registered labor people are of course simply sharing the sentiments of all those in any walk of life who take seriously the duties of citizenship.

But while labor people are simply at one with these other good citizens in wishing to see as many as possible registered, we are better organized to get most of our people registered than are many groups. And if we continue to have it known that all over the country labor men and women are neglectful of the duties of registering and voting, we are certainly not building up good public relations for the trade unions.

So if we have unity, let's use it to get registered!

Signatures Asked By Tommy Roberts

T. J. (Tommy) Roberts is asking his many friends in the labor movement to cooperate with him as they have done in the past by signing petitions for the reelection of incumbents on the board of the Regional Park System.

Petitions awaiting signatures are at the office of the Operating Engineers, 1440 Webster Street.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

The following unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 3 of this issue of the Journal.

AUTO MACHINISTS 1546
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THE BEGINNING AND BINDING OF UNITY



THE BEGINNING of the reign of unity was in December of last year, when George Meany (left) then AFL president, and Walter Reuther, then CIO president, held up one gavel at the great merger convention in New York, and the united AFL-CIO got under way.

Fed Vice President Ash Says Labor Making Progress Here

TO THE 54TH CONVENTION OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE FEDERATION OF LABOR—

POLITICAL

For the first time in eight years, we have an excellent opportunity to defeat Congressman Allen. Dr. Laurence L. Cross, Democratic candidate for Congress, qualified in the primary election. Not since 1948 have we been in such a favorable position. Dr. Cross, former mayor of Berkeley, not only is an excellent campaigner, but is well known and very much respected by members of our unions and has an active campaign organization of labor people working for him.

Every one of the endorsed candidates qualified for the November election.

The Board of Supervisors placed on the June ballot a number of charter amendments, proposing to change from elective office to appointive office the offices of Coroner, County Clerk, Surveyor, Recorder, Treasurer, Tax Collector and County Superintendent of Schools. Believing it is the basic right of the electorate to choose public officials, the labor movement opposed these charter amendments. Although we were the only organized opposition, all but one of these was defeated; the only one carrying being the one pertaining to the Coroner's office.

During the past year, a number of bond issues for improvement of school facilities throughout the county have passed. The most important of these was a \$40,000,000 bond issue for Oakland schools, where two previous attempts were made unsuccessfully to pass a \$30,000,000 and a \$19,000,000 bond issue. Needless to say, the labor movement was actively supporting all these bond issues.

Floyd Attaway, Business Representative of the Culinary Workers and Bartenders 823, was a successful candidate for City Council in Hayward.

A fine Women's Division of the Alameda County Voters League has been started. We believe that with the enthusiasm the women have entered into this new organization, they will be able to duplicate the splendid work the women did in the Oregon election of two years ago.

PUBLIC ACTIVITIES

As in the past, a large number of Union Representatives

are serving on various agencies such as the Community Chest, United Crusade, etc.

With regard to the United Crusade, for some time we have

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Paul Jones, State Fed V. P., Reports On Year's Advance

To the Fifty-Fourth Convention of the California State Federation of Labor—

Greetings:

ALAMEDA COUNTY CLC

The Central Labor Council has the same officers with the exception of Brother William P. Fee, who passed away since our last convention. Brother Fee was the assistant secretary of the council. He had been an official for over twenty years in the labor movement. Labor has dedicated a conference room in the Labor Temple to the memory of our late Brother Fee. Brother Richard Groulx of the Office Employees' International Union was elected to the office previously held by Brother Fee.

The council has a new committee working on the establishment of a Local Labor League. By our next convention this label league should be an active part of our labor movement.

The committee working on the amalgamation of our council and the CIO is very active. They are working on a proposed new constitution that will be acceptable to our council and the local CIO council.

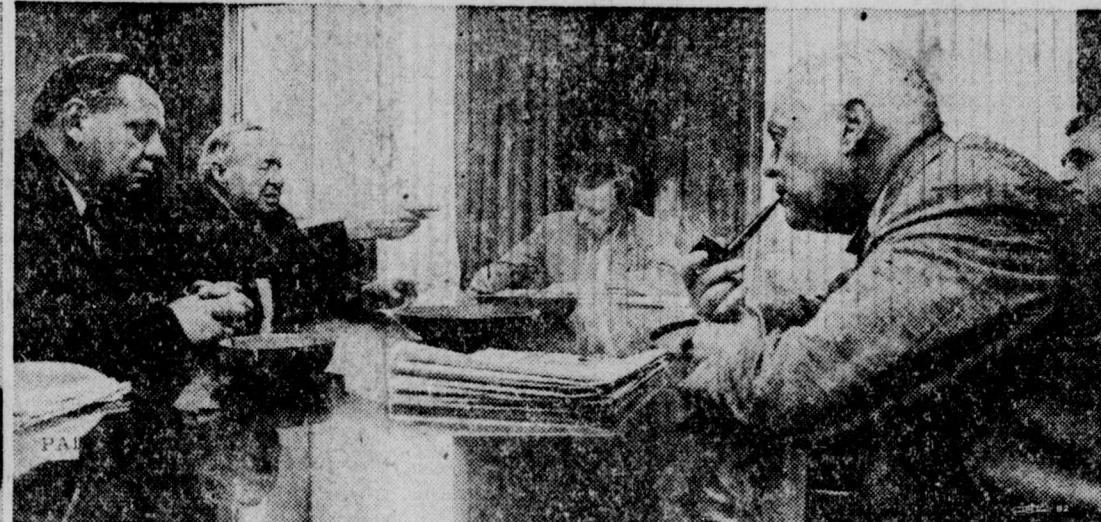
ALAMEDA COUNTY BUILDING TRADES COUNCIL

The officers of this council are the same as last year. At the present time the council has its work cut out, there being a Carpenter's strike, a Pile Driver's strike and a Hod Carrier's strike. The council is coordinating the work for all building trades crafts.

POLITICAL LEAGUE

Our Voters' League is in step again with the California State Federation of Labor LLPE since all of our endorsements coincide. At the primary election all of the candidates that we endorsed qualified. I feel that at the general election we will be able to elect a few new people friendly to labor and

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THE BINDING together of the former AFL and the former CIO in the united AFL-CIO goes on where men, formerly enemies, sit together as friends and allies and thresh out their problems together. Here, for instance, Harry C. Bates, president of the Bricklayers states his position as the Executive Committee meets in AFL-CIO Headquarters in Washington. Pictured, left to right, are William Schnitzler, AFL-CIO secretary-treasurer, Mr. Bates, Walter P. Reuther, Auto Workers President, David J. McDonald, Steelworkers president, and James B. Carey, IUE president. AFL-CIO President George Meany, who presided at the meeting was out of camera range. George M. Harrison, Railway Clerks president, was absent.

Report Outlines Fed Convention's Major Decisions

Secretary Robert S. Ash of the Central Labor Council, one of the two delegates from that body to the recent Long Beach convention of the State Federation of Labor, reported on the convention at the CLC meeting this week. Joseph M. Souza, Clerks and Lumber Handlers 939, the other delegate to the convention, will make his report next week.

Ash stressed four matters coming up at the convention:

- 1—The decision to oppose the oil measure, Proposition 4.
- 2—The changing of the annual convention month from August to September.
- 3—Revision of the State Federation constitution and change in method of electing Federation vice presidents.
- 4—The speech of AFL-CIO Secretary-Treasurer William F. Schnitzler on the identical proposals made by President Meany to the Democratic convention in Chicago and by Schnitzler to the Republican convention in San Francisco.

The only question which brought forth lively discussion on the floor, said Ash, was Proposition No. 4, and even then, when the time for voting came, he could hear no votes cast against the decision to oppose No. 4.

A very able speech against No. 4 was made by Federation President Harry Lundeberg of the Sailors Union, and it was on strictly economic lines, the CLC secretary said. Lundeberg stressed the overwhelming profit motive of the big companies backing No. 4, whose campaign is managed by Whitaker & Baxter, public relations outfit active in politics on the reactionary side.

Lundeberg pointed out that these big oil companies, taking advantage of the low wage rates in Arabia, net \$600,000 more on each super tanker they bring in from Arabia laden with 400,000 barrels of oil than they would on the same amount of oil produced in California. This is because they make \$4 more on each barrel imported than they would on oil produced in California. The super tankers are manned, said Lundeberg, by nonunion labor.

The executive council of the Federation had recommended that no stand be taken on the issue, but after the discussion on the floor the decision to oppose No. 4 was taken by the 1800 delegates.

CHANGE OF MONTH

The decision to change the month of the annual convention from August to September came somewhat as a surprise.

State Sneaks Nonunion Men Into Highway Work, BTC Told

The State Highway Commission is sneaking nonunion men onto a State Highway job in the Tioga Pass area, the Building Trades Council was informed at its meeting this week.

BTC Business Representative J. L. Childers, reporting on his attendance at a conference of building trades business representatives held at Long Beach the day before the State Federation of Labor convention began, told how the sneak play is worked.

The State Personnel Board ruling of some time ago, which was strenuously opposed by the BTC, is the authorization used by the State Highway Commission, he said. Under this ruling, building and construction trades workers can be paid by the hour instead of by the month.

The State Highway Commission now estimates the work of manned equipment entailed, in a detailed breakdown of operations. Many contractors are asked to bid on manned equipment supply on an hourly basis. The State then hires men, issuing temporary civil service permits, and these men receive no State fringe benefits and no building trades fringe benefits.

Two civil service men are supervisors on the job, and the entire atmosphere is one of a return to the old pre-union basis of picking up men anywhere, and paying them by the hour with none of the guarantees of modern practice.

Childers said that at the conference of business representatives called in Long Beach by State BTC President Bryan Deavers, it was agreed that the new practice by the State Highway Commission could lead to extremely serious developments against the interests of labor. So far most of the men so hired are laborers, but other crafts should realize, he felt, that the practice could spread to them, and it is necessary for all crafts to stand together.

Childers said that the conferences of business representatives which President Deavers is calling in various parts of the State, of which the Long Beach conference was one, are already producing much better mutual understanding between various parts of the State. He felt that it is essential to stay with the State BTC and help increase its influence, as, with the coming merger of unions on a State basis, the State Federation will have less time to devote to building trades problems which require special attention by men in those trades.

FED CONVENTION

Childers said that the State Federation of Labor convention was very active behind the operations. Union contractors seemed, and rather quiet on the floor.

LABOR JOURNAL'S 4-WEEK LABOR DAY CELEBRATION

THIS WEEK: What Unity Means to Unionism on 1956 Labor Day.

This issue of East Bay Labor Journal is the third of a four-week observance of Labor Day by our paper.

Labor Day is of such transcendent significance to not only our labor people but to our whole American people that it seems appropriate to call attention to that significance in four successive issues.

This third of the four issues dwells on what unity of the labor movement has accomplished in the brief time since December of 1955.

Unity Achieved, Unity Achieves!

WASHINGTON.—Less than a year has passed since AFL President George Meany and CIO President Walter P. Reuther jointly cracked a gavel on the podium in New York's huge 71st Regimental Armory and declared the first convention of the merged AFL-CIO in session amid the cheers of 5000 delegates and friends of labor. Yet the unity achieved then has achieved a great deal since that historic occasion.

It's been a year of feverish activity to weld the two former big labor organizations into one solid, effective unit. No labor merger of this size and scope had ever been undertaken in history so each decision, each step was the blazing of a new path.

It was a year of sadness, too, as one of the architects of labor unity, the man who presented the unity resolution to the AFL convention, Matthew Woll, passed away.

Physically, during this past year of unity, the many offices of the AFL and CIO scattered throughout Washington have been brought together into the new and imposing AFL-CIO headquarters, overlooking Lafayette Park and the White House.

The President of the United States, flanked by his Secretary of Labor, made the major speech at the dedication of the building, indicative of the deep significance of merged labor and its new home.

Merger came to the states, too. Almost one-half of the state AFL and CIO organizations merged during the first year of the merger. Others were planning on merging the second year. If they didn't, the Federation would step in and facilitate the merger.

Merger has come to the international unions, also. The first was unity of the former AFL Barbers with the former CIO Barbers. One month later the State, County and Municipal Employees consolidated with the former CIO Government, Civic Employees Organizing Committee.

Very soon the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen will merge with the Packinghouse Workers to establish a meat union of close to 500,000 members. In chemicals, in textiles, in wood and other industries merger plans are still being negotiated, final decisions have yet to be reached.

Of equal importance with all of these developments is the fact that organized labor in the U. S. speaks with one powerful united voice and labor is accepted as a responsible, rational, necessary part of the American scheme of things.

The structure of the national AFL-CIO—its departments and committees—are now firmly set up and its staffs operating. Following are some of their major accomplishments:

ORGANIZING—Seasoned organizers are now in key centers throughout the country and the cry, "Organize the Unorganized," while not being shouted from the housetops, has definite meaning. Almost 50 organizers are laying the groundwork for organization in textiles where some 700,000 non union workers are subsisting at substandard levels. Immediate targets are the big chains, but everyone, from Director of Organization John W. Livingston down to the newest organizer, realizes it will be slow, laborious work.

Another target is the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., makers of non-union Camels. This campaign has been operating for some time and is expected to reach a climax soon. Decks

have been cleared for organization in wood and chemicals.

ETHICAL PRACTICES—The AFL-CIO executive council has given full backing to its Ethical Practices Committee headed by Machinist President Al J. Hares. A staff has been organized to investigate charges brought before it.

Expectation is that the staff will soon announce the results of its investigation of charges against three international unions and 15 local unions named in a report released by the Senate subcommittee studying union welfare funds headed by Senator Paul H. Douglas (D., Ill.).

Meany has frequently pointed out that less than 1 per cent of the leadership of the labor movement has been accused of any wrongdoing and this 1 per cent must be cleaned out.

JURISDICTION—At the time of merger last December it was greatly feared that overlapping jurisdictions, conflicts between industrial and craft forms of union organization, would seriously undermine the effectiveness of unity. The answers given by both Meany and Reuther at the time was that these problems would be resolved as they arose.

The problems did arise. They were serious. At one period the Building and Construction Trades Department encouraged its affiliates to delay state mergers until jurisdiction machinery was set up.

Such machinery, although not formally made public, has now been agreed upon. The Building Trades have rescinded their "go slow" directive on merger. Meetings between Building Trades and Industrial Union Department committees are slowly clearing the air.

To expedite the handling of any disputes the AFL-CIO executive council has set up a procedure whereby the President may appoint a three-man subcommittee of the council to hear any charges that may be filed. Frequently the subcommittee has been able to mediate the problem and achieve mutual agreement. To date only one case has been brought to the executive council and resolved.

POLITICAL EDUCATION—Since the formation of the Committee on Political Education from the AFL's Labor's League for Political Education and CIO's Political Action Committee, the AFL-CIO has been able to consolidate and integrate its political activities. COPE is headed by co-directors James McDevitt and Jack Kroll.

COPE's campaign to help elect progressive legislators friendly to labor throughout the country is in high gear as the November Presidential election is only two months away. Indicative of the local reaction to a unified labor political arm is seen in the following statement from a COPE official:

"Never before have our people shown such intense interest in a campaign as this year. We have been flooded with requests for literature going far beyond the combined total requests for such material of LLPE and PAC in the days before the merger."

LEGISLATIVE ACTION—(Continued on Page 8)

Kaiser Strike Is Won; Other Lodges Of IAM Still Out

Five hundred forty members of Machinists 824 returned to work Monday, following an agreement reached with the Kaiser Aircraft and Electronics Corporation at Richmond. The men had been on strike for nine days.

Business Representative Don Deabendorfer said the proposed settlement was ratified by the strikers at a meeting Friday of last week.

Some 2500 members of various lodges of the Machinists remained on strike with no negotiations going on and none scheduled at other plants in the East Bay: Marchant Calculators at Emeryville, Friden Calculating Machine Co. at San Leandro and Westinghouse-Bendix in Oakland.

On the other side of the Bay, some 8000 members of the Machinists at the United Air Lines may strike Saturday.

The following statement was made by District Lodge 115:

"More than 500 workers at Kaiser Industries are back on the job after a 10-day strike. The original company offer was substantially improved and everyone is pleased with the settlement.

"A raise of 15 cents per hour was granted the general laborers and material handlers. Maintenance mechanics received 36 cents per hour for a top rate of \$2.80 and the top machinists rate was raised 50 cents to \$2.90 per hour.

"Modest improvements were also obtained in fringe benefits.

"This settlement again illustrates the benefits which can be obtained by determination and union solidarity. The negotiating committee are to be complimented for their excellent job and the entire employee group are entitled to high praise for their determined stand."

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You Can Register At Any Fire House

The Alameda County Citizens Voter Registration Committee commends Alameda County Clerk Jack Blue and the co-operating fire chiefs of all Alameda county cities for establishing in the spring of 1956 the new system of registration of voters at fire houses.

Sixty-two fire houses, stretching from Livermore at the southern end of the county to Albany at the northern end, have become permanent registration stations for the first time in the history of Alameda county.

In the opinion of this committee, the most commendable feature of the fire house registration system is that it is a systematic method of registering voters, and is permanent. Citizens can register the year around, seven days a week, under this permanent plan.

Unfortunately, the permanent nature of the fire house plan is not widely understood by voters who have been used to the traditional method of seeking out a temporary registrar at a market or street corner just prior to an election. Early and more complete registration would be enhanced if the public were aware that registration at fire houses is a year-round service.

'President' Nixon & 'Secy.' Knowland

Drew Pearson in his syndicated column Tuesday told what he claimed is the inside story of how Vice President Nixon got Senator Knowland to side with him in the Stassen-Nixon scrap.

Pearson said that the feud between the two arose when Nixon ran out on his pledge to Warren in the 1952 Republican convention, and tried to switch the California delegation from Warren to Eisenhower, while Knowland stood firmly by his pledge.

But now, says Pearson, Nixon has won over Knowland with this deal: "When and if Nixon becomes President of the United States, Bill Knowland would become Secretary of State."

Knowland, asked about it in San Francisco at the GOP convention this week, said, according to the Chronicle:

"It's silly. I wouldn't give up my elective position for any appointive job."

276 MINERS DIED in a fire underground in Belgium. The AFLCIO sent condolences to the kin of the dead.

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Lively Story of Local Unions From Labor Day to Labor Day

Following is the third instalment of FROM LABOR DAY TO LABOR DAY, East Bay Labor Journal's annual summary of Labor's Year as news of it developed from week to week. Naturally, it doesn't cover everything that happened in a busy year, but if the reader looks through it he is reminded of major happenings, and how they came along in the course of the 12-month period. Instalments of this summary appear in the four successive issues this paper is devoting to the observance of Labor Day this year.

APRIL 6, 1956

Bea Slettum, secretary of Culinary Alliance 31 since 1954, passed away in her sleep.

Frank Brewster, president of the Western Council of Teamsters, was reported to be considering secession of the Western Council from the International Brotherhood of Teamsters if the operations of Jim Hoffa, Midwest Teamster leader, caused the Teamsters to be expelled from the AFLCIO. Brewster was reported wishing to stay with the AFLCIO.

The hostile attitude of East Bay MUD management toward the Municipal Workers was reported to the Central Labor Council by CLC Assistant Secretary Richard Groulx.

The Building Trades Council offered the Oakland Board of Education assistance in planning economical construction if the \$40,000,000 school bonds pass in June.

Congressman George P. Miller, Democrat, who has been supported by labor since he first went to the House, announced formally he is a candidate for reelection.

APRIL 13, 1956

Floyd M. Attaway, business representative, Hayward Culinary 823, was elected to a four-year term on the Hayward City Council. Other candidates endorsed by labor won in San Leandro.

Fan Kaczmarek was appointed secretary-treasurer, Culinary Alliance 31, to fill the unexpired term of Bea Slettum, who recently passed away suddenly. The Central Labor Council adjourned at the opening of its meeting out of respect to Bea Slettum's memory.

News came from New York of the hurling of acid at Victor Riesel, the labor columnist by an unknown assailant.

CLC First Vice President Edna Lallemand was presiding at the Central Labor Council meeting in the absence of President John F. Quinn, on vacation in Mexico.

The State BTC suspended the Report, the newspaper published by Otto Never, who recently resigned as president of the State BTC.

APRIL 20, 1956

Pension plans should improve throughout the California labor movement as the result of the pension conference held in Monterey under the auspices of UC and the State Federation, Business Representative J. L. Childers told the Building Trades Council.

President Meany called a May 1 session of the AFLCIO executive council to discuss the relation of the Teamsters to union labor.

The Central Labor Council went on record as opposed to plans for making several administrative posts in county government appointive rather than elective.

Carl J. Megel, general president, American Federation of Teachers, addressed the Central Labor Council.

APRIL 27, 1956

Dave Beck, general president, Brotherhood of Teamsters, declared that his union's agreement with the International Longshoremen's Association, thrown out of the old AFL for alleged control by racketeers, could not be legally challenged by the AFLCIO.

The report of the Oakland Planning Commission, of which Hugh Rutledge, Painters 127, is chairman, was discussed by the Building Trades Council.

Alameda County Voters

League-AFL met in convention and made recommendations for the June 5 primary election. Heading the list were Richard Richards for U. S. Senate, and George P. Miller and Dr. Laurence L. Cross for the House.

Many leaders of San Francisco labor movement walked on picket lines for the striking and locked out Optical Technicians.

MAY 4, 1956

Building Trades Council decides it may bring legal action to collect from the Oakland Board of Education fringe payments for various crafts which are paid by private employers.

Jack Kopke, Paint Makers 1101, appointed a member of the Industrial Fact Finding Committee set up by the Board of Supervisors to ascertain why Alameda county is not getting its proper share of new industrial enterprises.

CLC President John F. Quinn, back from a vacation in Mexico, reports being impressed by the effective way Mexican unions conduct a strike.

AFLCIO Executive Council meets to discuss relationship of Teamsters to union labor, but President Dave Beck fails to attend, and President Meany announces he wishes to "discuss the principle" of the Teamsters' alliance with the IIA in New York with Beck.

The Executive Council also ruled that some building trades unions were violating the AFLCIO constitution by trying to slow down mergers of State and local AFL and CIO bodies.

MAY 11, 1956

The report by BTC Vice President Joe Pruss on the work of the Veterans Hospitals' Christmas Committee, on which Pruss has represented the BTC for years, was highly praised.

Jim Martin, Steamfitters 342, describes successful dinner held in Oakland honoring General President Peter T. Schoemann and other international officers of the union.

Supervisor Francis Dunn Jr., who carries a card in Painters 127, appeared before the Central Labor Council, urging it to rescind its opposition to the proposal to appear on the June ballot that would make seven county administrative offices appointive rather than elective. The delegates voted to recommend a NO vote on all seven proposals.

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Report Outlines Fed Convention's Major Decisions

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rise, Ash said, to those who remember that for years the convention was held in September, and then it was changed on the ground that August was a vacation month when delegates could take their families along.

The revision of the state constitution of the Federation among other things affects the method of electing vice presidents. Under the new constitution, if there are two or more vice presidents from a district, such as Alameda county, which is District 10, then a third candidate must specify which of the incumbents he is running against. The incumbent who has been in the longest is called Vice President 10-A (Ash) and the other (Paul L. Jones, Laborers 304) is 10-B.

Ash and Jones were returned to vice presidencies without contest. But three new vice presidents were chosen by the convention: Harry Metz, San Francisco Operating Engineers, succeeding Victor Swanson, of the same union, resigned; and Joseph Christian, Asbestos Workers, Los Angeles; and James Smith, Laborers, San Bernardino.

AFLCIO Secretary Schnitzler made an interesting and earnest presentation of the attitude of organized labor toward the platform of the major political parties, Ash felt.

Schnitzler told the Republicans, as Meany had told the Democrats the week before, that labor is not cynical or indifferent when it comes to these platforms; that the platforms are taken seriously, and weighed carefully when decisions are being taken as to endorsements.

QUINN'S COMMENT
CLC President John F. Quinn remarked that as a delegate from his own union, Bartenders 52, he was pleased by the way delegates of unions in Alameda county faithfully showed up at the convention sessions, setting an example for some areas delegations whose seats were empty often.

Jack Faber, Cooks 228, urged that the council invite the Federation to hold its convention next year in Oakland, as in Long Beach this year and in San Diego last year much difficulty was caused by picketing of restaurants due to unsolved disputes.

Eddie Maney, Laundry Workers 2, council sergeant-at-arms, caused a laugh when he said: "I agree with Brother Faber, but I can't help but wish that the Culinary Workers had got their dispute out of the way when our union held its Western Conference, so we could have met here in Oakland at the Leamington!"

UNION TECHNIQUES were first developed before the beginning of the 19th century. Collective bargaining, for example, was already well understood before 1800 and frequently applied in disputes.

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Women in This World

By EDITH McCONN

DOES THE LITTLE WOMAN vote the way her husband tells her to? Or does she have a mind of her own and first out her own political opinions? Or does she, even, persuade her husband to come over to her side?

Since the ballot is secret and no one knows what goes on inside the polling booth, we can't really answer this question. But we can find out how people register, which is usually, though not always, an indication of how they will vote.

So just for fun we analyzed a couple of precinct lists and came up with a few statistics. In these precincts there happened to be some 137 married couples registered.

Of these, 112 registered for the same party, while 25, or some 18 per cent, split their registration between the two parties.

If you think, however, that you are going to find that women are overwhelmingly Democratic, or overwhelmingly Republican, you may get a surprise. It was as near 50-50 as could be! There were 13 women registering Democratic, as against 12 men.

Statistics would say that this is too small a sample to indicate a trend, which is true. So nothing is proved. Except, perhaps, this:

That women don't vote as women, but simply as citizens. Some of them are Democrats and some Republicans, just as men are.

And if a certain woman happens to be a Democrat while her husband is a Republican, the chances are strong that down the block some other couple is split the other way.

A lesson to politicians, therefore, might be that it is a bit antiquated to appeal to women as women.

Appeal to them as citizens who, on the whole, are interested in the same issues as are their men-folk.

LOYD M. MEYERS of Fresno, a vice president of the State Building and Construction Trades Council, announces that he is supporting the Oil Act, Proposition 4 on the November ballot.

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Report on Contest to Steamfitters

By JAMES MARTIN

The third annual Association apprenticeship contest and instructors course was held at Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind., from August 6 to 10. Thirty-one fitter apprentices and 42 plumber apprentices, representing various states and Canada, were competing for prize money of \$1000 for first place winner, \$500 for second place winner and \$200 for third place winner. Representing Local Union 342 was Brother Henry Schram, this year's state winner and last year's fourth year state winner.

A banquet was held at the closing of the contest. At this time the National Joint Committee announced that six fitter and plumber winners, that is, the first, second and third place winners, would be taken to the National United Association convention convening in Kansas City.

At this convention it was revealed that Brother Robert A. Patterson from Pittsburgh, Pa., was the first place pipefitter winner and was awarded \$1000. Jerry M. Ahik from Augusta, Ga., was the second place winner and was awarded \$500, and Harold Kindt from Milwaukee, Wis., was third place winner and was awarded \$250.

The winners in the plumber division were John Meier, Kansas City, Robert D. Smith, Topeka, Kas., and Theodore McKenna from Montvale, N.Y. Plaques were presented to all the contestants and to the representatives of the local unions which they represented.

Also, in connection with the apprenticeship contest at Purdue, the instructors course was held. There were 293 fitter and plumber instructors present, representing an increase of 29 per cent over last year's attendance. Brothers Harry Hill and Marvin Wulburn represented Local 342. This program included various speakers. The principal speaker, Walter Ciesler, president of the Detroit Edison Company, delivered an address on atomic energy, which was very well received.

Group sessions and meetings were held, which covered functions of steam traps, refrigeration, hot water systems, controls, principles of welding, compound rolling-off sets and many other interesting items affecting our trade today. Also, there were demonstrations which included fabricating plastic pipe, glass pipelining, welding, brazing, silver soldering, electric and gas welding and others too many to mention.

These Steamfitter Notes are being forwarded from Kansas City, Mo., where the United Association is holding its 37th national convention. There are over 2500 delegates in attendance and this should be a very interesting convention. Local Union 342 is represented by 14 delegates.

Six delegates represented Local Union 342 at the California State Federation of Labor convention, held in Long Beach from August 13 to 18. Reports of the delegates to this convention will be heard at the special called meeting on September 6.

SKILLED IMPROVEMENT

The Skilled Improvement Committee wishes to announce to the membership of Steamfitters Local Union 342 that the following courses will be presented beginning in September. A circular letter will be mailed at a later date giving more detailed particulars.

1—Arc and Acetylene Welding Class, including layout procedure, to be held at Mt. Diablo

Evening High School, Concord, Calif. Classes to be on Mondays, 7 to 10 p.m. First class, Monday, Sept. 17, at which time registration will be held. Registration fee, \$1.

2—Instrument Installation and Piping Classes. a. Alameda area—class to be held at Laney Evening Trade and Technical Institute of Oakland Junior College, 1024 Third Avenue, Oakland 6, Calif. Classes to be on Tuesdays, 7 to 10 p.m. First class, Tuesday, Sept. 11. Registration held August 27, 28, 29, 30 and September 4, 5 and 6, from 12:30 to 9 p.m. Registration fee of \$2.

b. Richmond and San Pablo area—class to be held at West Campus, C.C.J.C., located at new site at the base of "Tank Farm Hill," San Pablo. Address—2801 Castro road, San Pablo, Calif. Classes to be held on Wednesday evenings, 7 to 9:40 p.m. First class, Wednesday, Sept. 12, in room H-9. Registration will be held the first night in the classroom.

c. Concord area—class to be held at East Campus C.C.J.C., Golf Links road, Concord. Classes to be held on Mondays, 7 to 9:40 p.m. First class, Monday, Sept. 17, building 12. Registration, Saturday, Sept. 8, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., or first class meeting.

3—Piping Fabrication with Trade Mathematics. (Note: Text to be used on a loan basis are Thomas Frandland's "Pipefitters and Pipewelders Handbook" and "Simplified Solution of Piping Offset.")

a. Alameda area—class to be held under Oakland Junior College administration at Roosevelt Junior High School, 1926 19th Avenue, Oakland, Calif. Tuesday evenings, 7 to 10 p.m. First class Tuesday, Sept. 11. Registration to be held in classroom 134 on first class meeting. Registration fee of \$2.

b. Concord area—class to be held at East Campus C.C.J.C., Golf Links road, Concord. Classes to be on Tuesday, 7 to 9:40 p.m. First class Tuesday, Sept. 11, building 12. Registration Saturday, Sept. 8, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. or first class meeting.

The committee regrets that a math class in the Richmond area will not be possible beginning in September; however, a class will be presented at a later date.

Registering For Apprentice Study

Registration for fall apprenticeship classes will open Monday at the trade-technical division of Oakland Junior College, 1024 Third Avenue, Thomas W. Cole, dean of evening classes at Laney Trade and Technical Institute, announced this week.

Students may register at the school office Monday through Thursday between 12:30 and 9 p.m. and on Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Instruction in all classes begins Tuesday, September 11, and the varied program includes apprenticeship, trade-extension, and general interest courses.

Additional information about fall term classes is available by visiting the school office.

AFL-CIO NEWS SERVICE says 22% of the victims of the 1956 polio epidemic are adults, says adults being advised to take the Salk shots.

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Yours fraternally,
A. J. HAYES,
Recording Secretary

To All Members of East Bay Automotive Machinists 1546

You are herewith officially notified that Lodge 1546 meets in regular session on the first and third Tuesday of each month at the hour of 8:00 P.M. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland 12, California.

Meeting hall will be posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of said Temple and you are herewith officially requested to be in attendance.

Fraternally,
A. J. HAYES,
Recording Secretary

Steamfitters 342

Please note in another column on this page announcement by Skilled Improvement Committee on courses to be presented in September. The heading is: Steamfitters Notes.

Yours fraternally,
JIM MARTIN,
Business Manager and
Financial Secretary

Special Notice to All Painters in District Council No. 16

Get your dues paid and CARRY your 3rd quarter working card. After August 1, 1956, you are liable to be taken off the job until you have the Current Working Card.

Fraternally yours,
DISTRICT COUNCIL OF
PAINTERS No. 16,
FLOYD PEASLEE,
Executive Secretary

Painters Local Union No. 40

Will those brothers who pay their dues by mail please make an effort to send in the correct amount? For your information the dues and insurance total \$19.80. I will sincerely appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Fraternally yours,
BEN RASNICK,
Recording Secretary

Hayward Painters 1178

The meeting of Friday, September 7, will be a special call to discuss and act on a possible change in the present status of our Group Insurance Policy. Be on hand and hear a letter explaining this subject.

Sincerely yours,
ROBERT G. MILLER,
Recording Secretary

County School Employees 257

At the August meeting of Local No. 257, it was voted to cancel the September meeting due to the Labor Day and Admission Day holidays.

LA 3-5587

Fraternally yours,
JOE FALLS,
Secretary

STRENGTH OF AFL, when founded in 1886, resided primarily in carpenters, cigar makers, printers, iron and steelworkers and iron molders. The AFL grew out of an organization called the Federation of Organized Trades and Labor Unions.

AFL FOUNDED IN 1886, had at first a membership of 139,000 compared to a claimed 700,000 for the Knights of Labor. However, the AFL doubled its membership in 12 years, while the Knight dwindled to a few thousand. The Knights did continue in existence until 1917.

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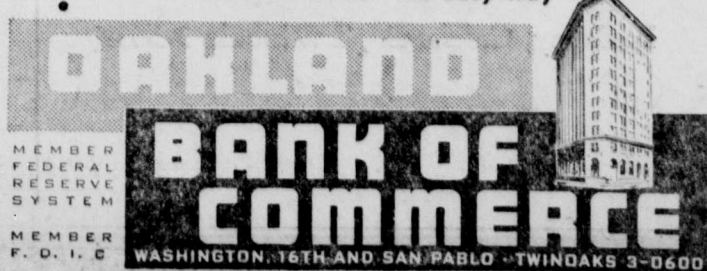
that his many friends in the labor movement again, as in past years, sign the nominating petitions for the incumbent Directors of the East Bay Regional Park System.

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(Signed) T. J. (Tommy) Roberts



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Painters 40: Work Of Board Is Told

By BEN RASNICK

For the past year it has been my pleasure to serve on the District Council No. 16 examining board and I would, at this time, like to express my appreciation to the other members of the board for their friendliness and cooperation.

For the information of those who may be in doubt as to the functions of this board, it is authorized by our brotherhood constitution and is under the direction of your District Council. Of course the principal task of the board is to examine those who have applied for membership in a house painters local union, in order to judge their qualifications as a painter.

I can remember years ago when the initiation fee was raised, some brothers felt that that action would discourage many from applying for membership. This has since been proven to be wrong because today, with a fairly high initiation fee, we have more applications than ever. This just proves that if you provide a decent wage and protection for the workers, under our agreement, there will always be men attracted to our craft. Since revamping our District Council to provide for more vigorous enforcement of the agreement, I have noticed an increase in applications handled by the examining board. Having worked with the present board, I know that brother Ed Gulbransen, Local 127; brother Bill Martin, Local 741; and brother John Berdolt, Local 560; have the experience and sense of fair play that will afford each applicant every opportunity to qualify.

There are many brothers who are unaware of the functions of your District Council, so I will try, in the future, to bring them to your attention. After all, the Council is operating for the benefit of you members, so you should understand its many activities.

I would like to remind those members of Local No. 40 that the dues and insurance for this, the third quarter, total \$19.80. Some of you are sending in every amount but \$19.80.

Hope to see you at our next meeting August 24th.

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Oakland Member Watchmakers III

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

I had some very disturbing news awaiting me when I returned from the California State Federation of Labor convention, which was held in Long Beach. I was informed that Brother Emil Balangero, executive board member and one of the original charter members of the union, who has for many years worked for Milens in Oakland, was stricken with a heart attack and is now in the hospital. We certainly hope that his recovery will be speedy and complete, and that he will soon be back on the job.

For the information of Brother Balangero's many friends in the union, we understand that no visitors are allowed at this time.

We believe that we accomplished a great deal at the convention, inasmuch as the resolution which we presented to the San Mateo Central Labor Council for presentation to the convention, relative to assisting locals which meet difficulties through the activities of the California Association of Employers, was unanimously adopted.

Speaking of the convention, I would like to add that, for the first time, I sat with my son George, who was attending the same convention as the delegate from his union, the BSEIU Local 102 of San Diego.

Childers Is Urged For Transit Board

Hearing of a special meeting where interested persons were going to nominate candidates for directors of the proposed Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District, Secretary Robert S. Ash attended the meeting, and nominated Business Representative J. L. Childers of the Building Trades Council for a directorship.

"No one challenged my presence at the meeting, or my right to nominate someone," Ash reported to the CLC delegates, "so I nominated Childers on the ground that he had done much to bring about a settlement of the last big Key strike."

UNITED PAPERWORKERS have won 24-cent hourly increases for some 4500 workers at 3 plants of the West Virginia Pulp & Paper Co.

State Sneaks Nonunion Men Into Highway Work, BTC Told

(Continued from Page 1)
con advocates getting an opportunity to speak their piece. When the vote was finally taken on the floor of the convention, it was practically unanimous, he said, with only a very few voices objecting to take a stand against the proposition.

RAPID TRANSIT

BTC President J. S. Miller left the chair for a time to comment on the Rapid Transit District being formed under authorization by the Legislature. Miller said that when the forming of the East Bay Municipal Utilities District was authorized, labor somewhat inopportunely backed the project, not realizing what absolute power were bestowed on the board of EBMUD.

Miller suggested that if Childers got a place on the Rapid Transit board, he would have to watch alertly to protect labor's interests.

Childers said that Central Labor Council Secretary Robert S. Ash attended the meeting at which nominations for the board were made, and put his name in nomination. The bill authorizing the Rapid Transit District has a better imposing taxes.

labor relations clause than any such measure he'd ever seen, providing for recognition of unions and collective bargaining.

Charles Roe, Hayward Carpenters 1622, said that a Hayward Chamber of Commerce survey showed that 70% of the people in the southern end of the county would not use rapid transit. The whole idea, he felt, was one being put over by the Oakland downtown interests.

These downtown interests, Roe felt, were being caught in their own trap. The same interests now boosting the rapid transit scheme had done all they could years ago to break up the service given the southern end of the county by Southern Pacific trains, and to substitute the Key System.

Southern county people were already carrying all the tax load they cared to handle, and it seemed advisable for the council to take a long look at this scheme before endorsing it.

Childers commented that the board of which it was proposed that he be a member would merely prepare the plan, and would have nothing to do with imposing taxes.



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Meany's Labor Day Message Reviews Triumphs, Problems

By GEORGE MEANY, President, AFLCIO

The working men and women of America have good cause to celebrate on this Labor Day because the united labor movement is no longer a dream, but an effective reality.

It is not my habit to make sweeping predictions. Yet I am completely confident that the merged labor movement, with the cooperation of its 15,000,000 members, is going to forge ahead in the years to come.

What is labor looking for? What does labor want? I hear these questions constantly and it seems to me that Labor Day is an opportune time to discuss them.

We want, first of all, a fair share of the rewards for what we help to produce. That means more than a living wage. It means sufficient income to live in decency and comfort and the opportunity for a good education and environment for the workers' children. It means insurance against obvious hazards and security for old age.

It is important to point out that we do not seek these benefits for ourselves alone. We are engaged in campaigns to organize millions of unorganized workers so that they too can gain improved conditions. In fact, we are trying to raise the standard of living for all Americans.

Anyone who wishes a clear understanding of the trade union movement should realize that it places as much emphasis on giving as on getting. We are resolved to do our part in building better communities and a stronger nation. We are likewise determined to make an effective contribution toward promoting peace, freedom and prosperity for people throughout the world.

Labor's Program Big

Labor's program is a big program. It looks ahead. It is not discouraged by opposition or by temporary setbacks. It is fully conscious of labor's responsibility for self-discipline.

In summarizing the highlights of labor's program, let me put first things first. We cannot live and make progress without peace. In this atomic age, we are aware that war would be a major catastrophe, wiping out whole nations and destroying overnight everything we have struggled to build for centuries.

There is only one power on earth strong enough and unprincipled enough to plunge the world into such a war—Soviet Russia. The Kremlin's clever propaganda campaign—its repeated claims of peaceful purposes, its recent repudiation of Stalin's crimes—none of these maneuvers can obscure the central and inescapable fact that the Communist conspiracy still is aimed at world domination.

This is the all-important problem America must contend against as the leader of the free world. We must steer a careful course for the preservation of peace without jeopardizing or sacrificing the freedom and independence of any nation exposed to Communist aggression. We must develop a strong national defense program and a clear foreign policy that will effectively prevent war by the only deterrent the Communists respect—superior power.

The free American labor movement will never be duped by the sweet words of dictators who govern by mass oppression and support their military machine with slave labor.

Communists Making Gains

But we realize that desperate people in far-off lands, who see no other hope of escape from their present miseries, may embrace Communism on the basis of false promises and security. It has happened before. It can happen again. The Communists are making tremendous efforts to capture control of the working masses of Europe, Asia, Africa and South America.

It is in this arena that free labor is determined to make its fullest contribution to the preservation of human peace and freedom under the banner of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions. In the last seven years every Communist attempt at invasion through infiltration has been repelled. The influence of the Communists in the labor movements of free nations has been cut down. Free labor intends

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GEORGE MEANY
AFLCIO President



WILLIAM F. SCHNITZLER
AFLCIO Secretary-Treasurer

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been disturbed by lack of strength by the United Crusade in enforcing its rule of "no supplemental drives" by its agencies. We were instrumental in bringing the matter to a head this year.

We were one of the original forces several years ago in starting the United Crusade, believing that not only our people but the rest of the public as well would support adequately charitable organizations if one fund raising drive were conducted for all. The past two years, apparently because some agencies were not satisfied with results of the October drive, they conducted supplemental drives. The Labor Council protested and as a result the United Crusade adopted a strong rule limiting supplemental fund drives.

Because of the tightening of procedures and unfair actions by some of the employees of the State Department of Employment offices in Alameda county a committee was established by

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defeat some of those who have been very unfriendly toward us.

In conclusion, I would make the observation that this has been a productive year for most of the locals in this area through their wage negotiations and their organizing efforts.

Fraternally submitted,

PAUL L. JONES

Editor's Note: In order to allow time for printing the Federation Vice Presidents' report for use at the convention in Long Beach Vice President Jones wrote at a time when the strikes he refers to had not yet been won. All of those he mentions have since been won, with the men back at work at better pay.

Haggerty Asks Responsible Management to Take a Stand

By C. J. HAGGERTY, Secretary-Treasurer
California State Federation of Labor

Labor Day in 1956 finds the nation again honoring the toil of those whose hands and minds have created the wealth of America.

Despite the optimism of prophets who write and preach that with capital's acceptance of unionism, we have entered a new and promising era of industrial relations, we still find our existence challenged by national employer organizations bent on fanning the flames of class conflict.

It appears that the AFLCIO merger has excited the frenzy and fear of a noisy minority of U.S. industrial leadership. Actually, responsible spokesmen from almost every segment of American life have greeted the merger with acclaim and hope.

But not so the apostles of class hatred. They have coined the term "labor monopoly," offering the preposterous argument that the labor of a human being is a mere commodity

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Labor's Civil War At An End For Keeps, Says Schnitzler

By WILLIAM F. SCHNITZLER
Secretary-Treasurer, AFLCIO

Labor Day 1956 is, for the organized workers of America at once a time for rejoicing and for rededication.

On this public holiday, which pays a deserved tribute to the accomplishments of American labor, we are proud of the record of the past year—the year which saw the realization of our long-held dream of a united labor movement.

For two decades the American labor movement was split into warring camps. Today, that division is gone; the wounds of battle have been bound up. Labor's civil war is at an end for all time.

Of course, unity in the ranks of labor is not the signal for complacency. Rather, it is the rallying point from which the American trade union movement will move forward to even greater victories than were ever recorded by workers.

We know well the problems and obstacles that confront us. We are confident that, united, we can surmount them all.

At Crossroads of History

Today, the world stands at the crossroads of history. Down one path lies world peace and prosperity, an era of bread and freedom. Down the other lies war and individual suffering, starvation and slavery.

The decision as to which path to follow is ours to make. No accident of fate will determine our ultimate fate. For wars, like depressions, are made by man. And peace, like prosperity, can be planned by man.

The American labor movement, which abhors totalitarianism of any stripe and which cherishes freedom above all else, completely rejects any step which would result in the deprivation of an ounce of individual freedom. We hate communism and all the by-products of the slave state. We shall continue our unrelenting war against every form of government that denies men their God-given right to liberty, for so long as any man is enslaved, no man is completely free.

The American labor movement is proudly anti-communist. We are equally proud of our pro-democratic record. Trade unions cannot breathe in any atmosphere save that of freedom. We believe, with all our hearts, that freedom and security, bread and liberty are compatible.

The American trade unions believe that our nation can and must take proper steps to achieve the greatest prosperity the world has ever known and that we can have this prosperity without losing an iota of our invaluable heritage of liberty. We are not satisfied, nor can America be satisfied, with an economy of stagnation. Our nation is a growing one. Our economy must match that growth.

'Men of Little Faith'

Men of little faith often cry out that we have great unused surpluses of food and fiber. They point to high industrial inventories and claim that we are outproducing our markets. Nothing could be more economically stupid.

Today, our farms produce more than America buys—not more than America could and would consume if all of her people had incomes that were sufficient to meet their needs. Today our automobile factories are running far behind their potential capacity and auto workers are unemployed. But millions of Americans want and could use new cars if their income permitted.

We need to be ever mindful that an economy based on the highest possible wage level is an economy that means jobs and production and profits for everyone. America must never be satisfied with "second best" economic years. We must strive for an ever-growing, ever-expanding economy to provide jobs

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A REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

Alameda County Supervisors Francis Dunn, Emanuel P. Razeto, Kent D. Pursel, chairman, Leland W. Sweeney and Chester E. Stanley comment on the accomplishments of the Metropolitan Oakland Area Promotional Effort.

Q. Mr. Pursel, would you explain the MOA program—what it is and what it does?

MR. PURSEL: It's a marketing program—consisting of national advertising, publicity and sales follow-up designed to bring new industries to Alameda County. Funds for the program are appropriated by the Alameda County Board of Supervisors and the Oakland City Council.

Q. How long has the program been going on?

MR. PURSEL: Since 1936. Our county was one of the first to begin such promotion, recognizing that industrial and population growth must go forward together. There are now at least 400 such programs, sponsored by cities, counties, states and public utilities.

Q. Has the program been successful in terms of new industries coming into Alameda County?

MR. SWEENEY: I'd like to answer that, with actual figures. In 11 years since 1945, 570 new industries have located in Alameda County. Their investment in plant and equipment has totalled over \$98 million.

Q. That means a substantial broadening of the tax base?

MR. SWEENEY: It certainly does. Population growth such as we're having must be balanced by industrial growth. Otherwise the cost of providing fire and police protection, schools, streets and other services results in skyrocketing taxes.

MR. STANLEY: I recently saw figures which show that High School costs are as much as \$372 per year per pupil. Costs per elementary pupil are around \$202. In many of our new home developments there are at least three children in a family. With veterans' exemptions, the average property taxes on homes in these districts are around \$120. This new homes can be a liability on a community unless industry is brought in to share the tax load.

MR. DUNN: These new industries we are getting also mean new jobs and new payroll which affect the prosperity not only of those involved but also of the entire community. In 11 years, new industry has created 15,846 new jobs and added over \$46 million to the annual payroll.

Q. In other words, these new jobs make other people more prosperous?

MR. DUNN: Exactly. It is estimated that just one new factory with 100 workers gives a community \$390,000 more personal income per year. It provides 74 more jobs outside the factory, supports 4 more retail establishments and accounts for \$360,000 more retail sales each year.

MR. RAZETO: The original investment of a new industry is usually just the beginning. Almost without exception, industries expand in our healthy "industrial climate"... investing in new equipment and creating new jobs.

Q. Are there any figures on expansion?

MR. RAZETO: Yes. Since 1945 there have been 1,125 expansions of existing industries resulting in an investment of over \$212 million. A total of 20,000 new jobs has been created and over \$59 million has been added to the annual payroll.

MR. DUNN: Of course, promotion alone is not responsible for these successes. We had an outstanding product to start with—one that appeals to expansion-minded executives in the East and Middle West.

MR. SWEENEY: And we've been improving it every year.

MR. RAZETO: The western movement of industry has been helpful, too. We're advertising with a trend.

MR. STANLEY: Another success factor was our early start. We recognized the importance of industry and started our efforts to get it at a time when competition was not nearly as keen as it is now.

MR. PURSEL: Perhaps we could sum it all up this way: We started with an outstanding product and are making it more attractive each year. We're marketing it with every modern method—advertising, publicity and sales follow-up. We began our efforts earlier than most of our competitors and have kept them going without interruption. We've been highly successful so far and there is every indication that the favorable "image" Alameda County has created in the minds of eastern industrialists will continue to result in the balanced industrial and population growth that is so essential to our area.

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5 House Painter Locals' New Plan

House painters in Alameda and Contra Costa counties have inaugurated a new system that will make them a more integrated group. The five locals concerned elected Floyd Peaslee secretary of District Council 16 and then elected five business representatives from their respective locals.

The five business representatives work directly out of the District Council 16 office subject to assignment anywhere in the area to serve any member of any of the house painter locals.

The business representatives are H. E. Mountain, Hayward Painters 1178; C. M. Hammond, Richmond local 560; J. G. Helms, Berkeley Local 40; E. A. Oliver, Martinez Local 741; and H. S. Rutledge, Oakland Local 127.

SLEEPING CAR PORTERS

Sleeping Car Porters (Oakland division) and its 350 members are receiving pay ranging from \$304.18 to \$326.28 a month for 205 hours or a 6 hour 50 minute day.

The unions three contracts are with Pullman, Southern and Western Pacific.

Officers are C. L. Dellums, president and secretary-treasurer; E. L. Meshack, vice-president; and C. Crenshaw, recording secretary.

Bus Drivers Get New Health Plan

Employees of Pacific Greyhound are now eligible to obtain California Physicians' Service coverage through a new health plan, following an agreement reached by their Amalgamated Motor Coach Union and the Pacific Greyhound Lines, it was announced by Joint Council of the Amalgamated, Divisions 1222, 1223, 1225 and 1471.

The agreement covers the area served by Pacific Greyhound, including all of California and other western states. All eligible family dependents of Greyhound's permanent employees may join.

Growth of Valley Bank Is Reflected

The growth made by the Central Valley National Bank, with headquarters in Oakland and 14 branches throughout Northern and Central California, was reflected in the bank's June 29, 1956, statement of condition.

Total resources are listed as \$51,366,958.65, compared with \$33,207,426.63 total resources June 30, 1955, indicating a gain of 54.7 per cent.

The interest rate on savings deposits was increased to 2 1/2 per cent, effective July 1, 1956.

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for our growing population and to provide profits for our growing enterprises.

Our potential for prosperity is unprecedented. Atomic energy, automation, electronics—all of the new knowledge of our laboratories—can and must be put to use for the general welfare.

Wise Planning Is Needed

This most certainly does not mean socialism or nationalization of these new industrial tools. The American system of free enterprise, within legitimate boundaries, is the best method for the achievement of universal prosperity.

But we cannot achieve this era of individual well-being without plans or work. We cannot achieve our potentially high peak of prosperity if we ignore the weak spots in our economy or pretend that "all is well" while millions of Americans suffer.

We have no true prosperity, and it is false to so imply, while millions receive substandard wages; while mass unemployment still besets mass production industries; while depression marches across our farm economy; while millions of school children attend classes in antiquated firetraps; while our elder citizens yearn in vain for dignity in their final hours; while millions of Americans live in slums and millions more are denied even minimum standards of health and dignity.

We cannot hold high the banner of democracy while a great number of our people are denied equality of opportunity and even equality of citizenship. We cannot honestly deny the police state of the Kremlin if we allow men of little faith to whittle away at our civil liberties.

Ballot, Weapon of Free Men

The AFL-CIO and its millions of members will not rest until we have achieved victory on all these fronts. We know well that many of these goals will be achieved only if we put the greatest individual weapon of free men—the ballot—to its proper use and select as our public officials men of vision, dedicated to the public welfare.

This we shall do during the coming months. Our efforts, we are confident, will result in victory.

It shall not be a victory for the trade union movement, alone, for we truly believe that "What is Good for America is Good for Organized Labor."

Fed Vice President Ash Says Labor Making Progress Here

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The Labor Council to assist local union officers and members in their dealings with the department. We have had remarkable success in reversals of decisions of the department and in setting up a better liaison between the department and unions.

Early this year the Central Labor Councils, Building Trades Councils and the CIO Councils of Alameda and Contra Costa counties established a Health and Welfare Council. This council is functioning primarily for the purpose of attempting to reduce the cost of medical and hospital care.

Milk Wagon Drivers 302 are this year sponsoring a puppet show at Children's Fairyland in Lakeside Park.

WAGE INCREASES AND NEGOTIATIONS

It would be impossible to list the unions which have gained wage increases for their members in the past year because each union would have to be listed. Wage increases have ranged from a low of 5 cents per hour to a high of better than 25 cents per hour, with only a very few unions in the lower range. I believe notable advancements in negotiations have been made by the several unions which have negotiated for the first time pension plans. Among these are: Teamster Unions, Cannery Workers, Auto Mechanics, Auto Painters, Sign Painters and Bakery Workers.

At the time this is being written the Carpenters Unions are preparing for a strike to secure a seven-hour day.

ORGANIZING

For 20 or more years the Culinary Unions have had a continuing fight to organize a group of small restaurants operating under the name of White Log Taverns. This year all of these places were organized and are now operating under union contracts.

We are also continuing our

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CARRIERS OF OUR LETTERS

The National Association of Letter Carriers, Branch 76 is continuing its battle for the right of collective bargaining. It feels the postal employee is continually used by Congress as a scapegoat.

The local reports that although progress has been made in the last ten years in regard to salaries, working conditions and social welfare, many postal employees have to hold two jobs in order to meet the present standard of living.

The union isn't asking for the right to strike, but it is asking for the right to recognition as spokesmen for its members. Leading members in this area are Robert T. Jones, president; John R. Trindel, vice-president; A. B. McClintock, recording secretary; A. P. Klais, Sr., financial secretary; H. B. Buckalew, collector MBA; Archie Klais, Jr., clerk NSBA; and R. G. Christian, treasurer.

Many Locals In The CIO Council

Every third Wednesday of each month, a group of some 100 delegates representing 29 local unions meet to discuss problems of mutual interest. This group is known as the Greater Alameda County CIO Industrial Union Council.

The agenda for the meeting is set-up by the Executive Board which meets every Monday before the third Wednesday.

President is Gordon Laughland, Vice president is E. C. Perry; S. M. Pratt is secretary-treasurer.

WEST COAST SEAMEN'S Union of Canada, which broke away from the Communist-led Canadian Seamen's Union during the 1949 strike, has voted to merge with the Canadian Labor Congress. It has about 1000 members, most of them employed on towboats.

HOPES THE STRIKE ends before he's big enough to picket: Lyle Richard Ardell, 16 months old, helps the boycott of Kohler products. His father, Edward, of UAW Local 833, worked six years for Kohler at Sheboygan, Wis. The strike went into its third year last April.

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New Agreement

Hourly wage increases ranging from 15-cents to 33½-cents, depending on classification, was won this year by the Bay Area lodges of the International Association of Machinists.

Workers in production lodges 1518 and 1566 in the East Bay and 1327 in San Francisco, got in advance of 15½-cents an hour, bringing them to \$2.02 an hour; various degrees of skilled workers in the production lodges got boosts up to 29½-cents an hour.

The journeyman lodges, 284 in Alameda county, 824 in Contra Costa, and 68 in San Francisco, got 29½ cents an hour bringing them to \$2.50 per hour; with the maintenance machinists in those lodges rising to \$2.64 by getting the same boost. Lodge 1173 in Contra Costa county is a mixed lodge with members receiving pay boosts according to classification. Lodge 1330 includes journeyman and welders.

Tool and Die Makers 1176 received an increase of 33½ cents, bringing the hourly wage to \$2.95.

The vacation clause was improved, and it now provides for 3 weeks after 15 years. Previously it had provided merely as high as 2 weeks after 2 years. Another fringe benefit gained was a \$14 per month payment on health and welfare, covering not only the worker, who was previously covered by a smaller amount, but also the dependents.

Officers of Machinists 284 are Howard Blaisdell, president; David M. Wolff, vice-president; Arthur B. Briggs, recording secretary; Emil C. Hanson, treasurer; John J. Kollmeyer, business representative, and Walter Banks, financial secretary.

Officers of Machinist Production Workers Lodge 1518 are Raymond Enos, president; Daniel Ramos, vice-president; Herbert C. Hoover, financial secretary; Pauline Nunes, recording secretary; and Henry Matthews, treasurer.

IAM Production Workers 1566 is lead by Clifford Preston, president. Other officers are Reno DeBarnabo, vice-president; Jordan Cronin, secretary-treasurer; Allan Sahlberg, recording secretary; and John Schiavenza, business manager.

SHEET METAL
PRODUCTION

Sheet Metal Production Workers 355 has 1600 members and some 60-70 contracts. This year it gained hourly increases from 8 to 15-cents. The wage scale now runs from \$1.97 to \$2.60 per hour. Most of the contracts have from 6 to 8 paid holidays; 7½ cents per hour employer-paid health and welfare plan.

Officers are Vernon C. Hall, president; Frank Conrad, vice-president; Aaron R. Stewart, financial secretary and business representative; and Alfred Teixeira, recording secretary.

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Reviews Triumphs, Problems

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to carry on an increasingly more effective campaign in this vital field.

Looking ahead at the domestic picture, labor sees the need for a progressively stronger national economy which will yield greater returns to business, to the farmers and to industrial workers. We have consistently maintained that higher mass purchasing power is the key to a dynamic economy and an expanding prosperity. Obviously the rate of consumption must keep pace with the nation's constantly increasing productive capacity, or we will be swamped with deadly surpluses.

Thus, labor's pressure for higher wages through collective bargaining is in the public interest. So is our drive to organize unorganized workers, who become better customers when they receive union wages. The American standard of living cannot be frozen without bringing the wheels of its productive machine to a standstill.

'Some Short-sighted People'

Of course, some short-sighted people become alarmed at the idea of continuing expansion and fear that the process cannot go on indefinitely. But actually we haven't yet come within sight of the limits of American progress. There are many things still to be done in our land which have been technically neglected for too long—projects of such magnitude that only the Federal Government can plan and undertake them.

The school shortage is a case in point. By and large, throughout the country, the educational system is in emergency straits. The states and communities don't have the money to build enough schools and to establish improved standards to attract more people to the teaching profession. The only solution, according to impartial experts, is Federal aid—yet Congress thus far has failed to provide it.

Labor is so concerned over the school crisis that it has placed the need for an adequate program of Federal aid to education at the top of its legislative program. We also favor a large-scale Federal housing program, to wipe out slums and blighted areas from our cities and to make decent homes available to people in the low and middle-income brackets and to older persons.

In the past decade America has made forward strides toward improved social security, but there is still one gaping hole in the protections we have erected. There is yet no adequate insurance program to cover the costs of medical care, which can be disastrous to the average family. The AFL-CIO advocates a program of Federal health insurance which will safeguard the freedom of patients and doctors alike.

Labor's Legislative Program

Finally, our legislative program includes a labor-management relations law which will be fair to those on both sides of the bargaining table and protect the public interest at the same time. Leaders of the two major political parties have promised to help remove the obvious injustices that the Taft-Hartley Act imposes on the nation's workers, but nothing has been done. Likewise, there still remain on the books of 17 states so-called "Right-to-Work" laws which are aimed at the outright destruction of unions and should be promptly repealed.

In order to obtain favorable action on its legislative program, the AFL-CIO has been compelled to enter the field of political action. We are convinced that in order to make progress America needs more progressive and forward-looking government. Our political action program is a simple one. We appeal to all our members and to qualified members of their families to make certain to register and vote. We supply them with the records of the candidates on major issues so that they can vote intelligently. We are not trying to run either political party, nor will we permit either to dominate us.

This year, with a national election campaign under way, it is more imperative than ever for every American working man and woman to register and to vote. I cannot stress this requirement of good citizenship too strongly.

In this Labor Day message I have set forth a number of future objectives. In working toward these goals the trade union movement is in a much better position to get results, because it is now united. Of course, we don't expect to accomplish miracles overnight. But by patient, steadfast effort, by devotion to the high principles of the founders of our movement and by pulling together against the obstacles in our path, we can and we will make substantial progress.

Fed Vice President Ash Says
Labor Making Progress Here

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financial support of the Kings-Tulare County Building Trades LABOR JOURNAL. I have from time to time reported on the continued progress of the East Bay Labor Journal. I wish to say in this report that not only is the operation continuing to grow, but in the past year the mechanical facilities have been improved. The Journal now possesses a newspaper press and has purchased two new job presses.

We are sorry to report that since the last convention the labor movement has lost two of its faithful "old timers." Shortly after the first of the year, William P. Fee, assistant secretary of the Central Labor Council, passed away after several months of illness. He had been an officer of the council for 26 years. Soon after that, J. Earl Cook, international representative of the Sheet Metal Workers, passed away.

Again I wish to express my thanks to the many in the Federation who have helped make my job as your representative an easier one.

Fraternally,

ROBERT S. ASH,

Vice President.

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SHEET METAL
216 ADVANCES

Sheet Metal Workers 216 can look ahead to another good year. Effective July 1, the journeyman wage went up to \$3.30; apprentices now start at \$12.80 per day.

In the way of benefits, union members receive a 7½-cent welfare contribution by employers for all hours worked. A vacation plan now in effect provides for 4 percent of gross wages earned per contract year. This vacation plan includes both journeyman and apprentices. Full time employees will accumulate approximately two weeks vacation.

Officers of the local are George W. Grosser, president; William E. Haake, vice-president; Donald R. Kennedy, recording secretary; George A. Germain, treasurer; and Lloyd Child, Joseph F. Pruss, and Robert E. Quinn, business representatives.

Pension For
Teamsters 70

Fifteen-cents per hour (including fringes) was obtained this year by Teamsters 70 for its 6,950 members in Alameda county. Workers are now receiving from \$18.50 to \$21 per day—\$1 more than last year.

In benefits, the union was able to gain a pension plan at 10-cents per hour.

Officers are Cy Stulting, president; Al Verocesi, vice-president; Frank DeMartini, secretary - treasurer; Frank Church, Ernest Mulgrew, E. Heany, Walter Earle, A. Panholff, business representatives.

Garment Workers
Win 10-cent Rise

NEW YORK (AFL-CIO). — A wage boost of 10 cents an hour across the board and increased insurance and retirement benefits have been won by 100,000 shirt and other cotton garment workers through negotiations by the Clothing Workers and leading manufacturers.

The increases become effective September 4. Negotiations extended over several months and were led by AGWA President Jacob S. Potofsky and Executive Vice President Hyman Blumberg. The employer groups were represented by firm executives and counsel.

Heightened benefits for AGWA members and their dependents, subject to approval of the union-management Insurance Fund Advisory Committee, are included in the proposed payments. These include an increase from \$20 to \$24 a week for sickness or injury; from \$9 to \$11 a day for hospitalization; from \$200 to \$250 for surgical benefits and from \$1 to \$60 days for a hospital stay.

DANIEL DEL CARLO, business representative, S. F. Building Trades Council, is recovering from an operation.

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OPINIONS

HE LIKE!

I feel it is my duty as a union member to answer Mr. Earl W. Wakelin, 2037 Vine St., Berkeley, California (opinion column, August 17, 1956).

This person is either . . . or misinformed, a hater of all organized labor.

Without checking the records he probably sincerely believes that Tricky Dick Nixon is his friend.

How stupid can people be? . . . The East Bay Labor Journal is a fair paper — my paper, which I'm very proud of.

Mr. Wakelin, try writing a pro-labor opinion and getting it published in Mr. Knowland's Oakland Tribune.

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P. S. A member of good standing of Steamfitters L. U. No. 342.

IKE AND HIS PAL

Vice President Nixon cast a key vote which nearly killed the protective measure (Bacon-Davis prevailing wage clause). Ike has repeatedly expressed complete support of the Vice President. Labor can only conclude that actions speak louder than words. Nixon voted against labor. Ike supports Nixon. We should remember this on election day. — Valley Labor Citizen (Fresno).

'NEEDS NO RIESEL'

The fact remains that the trade union movement has been doing much to clean out racketeers and it is set to do more through the new AFL-CIO Ethical Practices Committee. Even one racketeer in the labor field is one too much. Labor is confident that the union movement can and will do the cleanup job and it needs no Riesel to beat the drums or show the way. — Labor Railmen's Weekly.

SCHOOL LUNCH

We recognize the school lunch program as a health program, health that is integrated into everyday living. Habits are lasting. We want to see more and more children form the habit, and experience the lasting benefits therefrom, of a well-balanced, nutritious hot meal in the middle of the day. The school lunch can do just this. — National Congress of P-TAS.

CAT GETS TONGUE

The President has remained mute except to say that when Labor Secretary James P. Mitchell publicly attacked state "right-to-work" laws, Mitchell was expressing only his own viewpoint—not the Administration's—AFL-CIO News.

HELLS CANYON

Does the 51 to 41 defeat of a Federally constructed high dam at Hells Canyon mean that the public power dam is doomed in favor of three privately built low dams? On one point all are agreed: That is that public power has been dealt a hard blow. — San Francisco Labor.

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EDITORIALS

AFLCIO Council to Consider Endorsement for President?

The AFLCIO News, commenting on the political conventions, said that the united labor movement, "during the course of executive meetings the latter part of this month, will make its decisions on endorsements and its recommendations to the members of the labor movement."

Whether or not the AFLCIO Executive Council moves to endorse a Presidential candidate, it is plain that much emphasis is going to be laid on the fights for seats in the House of Representatives and the U. S. Senate. In most of these fights the strength of the organized labor movement will be thrown back of Democratic candidates, just as it will be in this state.

Labor is backing Dr. Lorraine Cross, Democrat, against the Republican incumbent in the 7th District here, and is backing Congressman George P. Miller, Democrat, in the 8th District.

In Oregon, as the AFLCIO News points out, "the national symbolism of the contest can't be ignored; Senator Wayne Morse has been a consistent upholder of the American liberal tradition, former Secretary of Interior Douglas McKay, his Republican opponent, is an equally precise symbol of 'give-away,' of Government fawning at the whims of big business and big profit-makers. In other states the clear-cut contrast between forward-looking policies and dead conservatism is equally apparent."

It is certainly apparent in the California race for the U. S. Senatorship, where organized labor is backing State Senator Dick Richards, Democrat, against Thomas H. Kuchel, the Republican opponent.

Incidentally, any number of labor people must wonder why some commentators claimed that the Democratic convention in Chicago was "dull." To most of us who stopped, looked and listened, it was not only exciting, but inspiring.

Knight's Long Beach Triumph

The State Federation of Labor Newsletter and the Hearst press both featured in reports of the Federation's convention at Long Beach the fact that Governor Knight chose that convention as the proper place to announce his candidacy for the Vice Presidency on the Republican ticket.

As the Hearst press proceeded from day to day with the story, the random reader could easily have developed the impression that the Long Beach gathering was a convention of the Republican Party. There was the account of Federation Vice President Harry Finks of Sacramento announcing that as a delegate to the GOP convention he was going to nominate Knight for Vice President.

International President James G. Cross of the Bakery and Confectionery Workers supplied more grist for the Hearst mill by telling the Long Beach convention that California labor is fortunate in having such a good friend as Knight. Ray Christiansen of the Examiner said in one of his accounts of this praising of Knight:

"The many expressions of high regard for Governor Knight at this labor convention are disturbing many Democratic unionists here. They said the impression was being created that a Republican national Administration with Governor Knight as Vice President would be a fine thing for organized labor."

That is exactly the impression that was created by many reports of the Long Beach convention.

All of this took place against the background of the Federation's efforts to increase the number of Democratic Representatives in the House, Assembly and State Senate, to send a Democrat to the U. S. Senate and to criticize the Eisenhower regime. This effort will be seriously weakened by all this blather about Knight being a great liberal.

If once more we fail to get a liberal in the U. S. Senate and increase the liberal strength in Assembly and State Senate we can with certainty attribute our defeat at least in part to this unseemly buttering up of an opportunistic politician who throughout the Warren regime built up strength with the reactionaries and is now using labor as a stepping stone to power under the Big Business interests.

How to Digest a Knockout

You've got to hand it to Whitaker & Baxter for alert press agency. When the State Federation of Labor voted overwhelmingly to oppose the oil measure, Proposition No. 4, W&B promptly sent out a press release opening fire as follows:

LONG BEACH, AUGUST 15—The California State Federation of Labor "is split down the middle" on the Oil Conservation Act, Labor United For Proposition 4 announced today as the State American Federation of Labor completed action on Proposition 4.

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From Labor Day to Labor Day: Lively Story of Local Unions

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A six-county Millmen's agreement raised pay 15 cents an hour, Anthony Ramos, Millmen 530, reported.

Paul L. Jones, Laborers 304, sends out notices to all contractors that beginning May 1 the basic scale is \$2.32 1/2 per hour, 15 cents higher than formerly, as the result of negotiations.

MAY 18, 1956

Senator Estes Kefauver, candidate for the Democratic nomination in the June primary, visited the Labor Temple, shook hands with many people, spoke on his record for labor in Congress.

State Senator Richard Richards, candidate for the Democratic nomination for U. S. Senator, told the Building Trades Council that a "vote for Yorty is a vote for Kuchel," Sam Yorty being Richards' rival for the Democratic nomination, and Thomas H. Kuchel being the GOP incumbent.

Dr. Lorraine L. Cross, candidate for Congress in the 7th District, told an AFLCIO dinner in his honor that the Republican incumbent, John J. Allen Jr. is not only a reactionary but an inactionary.

MAY 25, 1956

East Bay Labor Journal special edition celebrates 30th anniversary of the founding of the paper.

Herbert A. Denk, business representative, Bakery & Confectionery Workers 119, announces a \$100 monthly pension plan retroactive 25 years, won by Pacific Coast locals of the union.

Building Trades Council votes to oppose plan of State authorities to pay building trades men employed by State on monthly rather than daily basis.

AFL Voters League at special meeting called on petition by supporters of Assembly

Speaker Luther H. Lincoln, Republican, rescinded after much debate the endorsement previously given to Robert River in 15th AD, and left the place open, with no recommendation.

This was the issue of East Bay Labor Journal celebrating the 30th anniversary of the paper as official publication of the Central and Building Trades Councils.

Building Trades Council requests every local union affiliated with it to have a representative or representatives at a meeting of the State Personnel Board in Sacramento where a plan comes up to cut the pay of building tradesmen working for the state.

Funeral services were held for Captain C. F. May, president of the West Coast local of the Masters, Mates & Pilots.

Joseph E. Smith, former Mayor of Oakland, chairman of the Alameda County Stevenson for President Committee, announced that 91 labor people were arranging a Lakeside Park picnic for Adlai Stevenson.

The AFL Voters League at a special meeting reversed a stand previously taken, and voted "No Recommendation" in the 15th Assembly District.

(Continued Next Week)

Bakers 125 Accept Mother's Co. Offer

The final offer of Mother's Cake and Cookie Co. to Bakery and Confectionery Workers 125 was accepted by the vote of a membership meeting Monday Secretary Henry Simpson announced.

Assistant Secretary Richard Groulx of the Central Labor Council and other members of a CLC committee had been sitting in the negotiations, which were at a critical stage for some time.

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Sane Management, Keymaker Assists States Haggerty, Should Take Stand

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pretending to speak for member companies.

Labor's role in a presidential election year is inevitably a critical one. The tensions of the national campaign sharpen issues and bring into clear focus the political alignments which so gravely determine the well-being of organized labor and the common people of America.

Hence, labor must by united action both protect its collective bargaining rights and make certain that government will place the security of the people above the special corporate interests which wield immedi-

Some firms which have good union contracts are still sending their work to the Berkeley Mimeographing Service, which has been picketed for some time by the Allied Printing Trades.

The unions in such firms' plants are asking that no more work be sent to the picketed establishment.

Jack Austin, Typographical 36, told the Central Labor Council this week that it was discovered that a keymaker's shop in the neighborhood of the picketed place was secretly taking in deliveries for the Berkeley Mimeographing Service, yet there was a union card displayed by the keymaker.

Austin checked with the union and found that the keymaker had been dropped from the union rolls more than a year ago.

A PACK MULE of obstinate GOP tendencies was a companion of Dick Groulx on vacation.



C. J. HAGGERTY

ate and powerful influence in American political life.

This means we must realize the admonition of Gompers to reward our friends and oppose our enemies at every level of elective office. Any other course would invite rout and ruin.

In this struggle we will campaign, not for ourselves in any narrow, institutional sense, but rather for the common people of America, for all who lack voice and vote in the councils of wealth.

In this mission for progressive government we ask the assistance and sympathy of fellow Americans of like mind who stand prepared to resist and repel the corporate control of public office. Together, we can and must triumph.

TWO MORE UNIONS have affiliated with the AFLCIO Industrial Union department: the Grain Millers and the Railway Carmen. The AFGM affiliated for 10,000 members and the BRC for 3000.



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MESSAGE TO THE PUBLIC

To All Labor Unions in Alameda County

GREETINGS:

On August 3, 1956, there appeared in the East Bay Labor Journal an Open Letter addressed to all local unions affiliated with the Alameda County Central Labor Council and to the general public as a whole.

This letter was a statement of facts describing in detail the difficulties that Department and Specialty Store Clerks Employees Union, Local No. 1265, is having in attempting to negotiate a contract with Montgomery Ward in its Hayward Retail Store location. Also was noted that in at least 51 other locations, presently represented by Clerks Locals nationally, the problems have been the same.

Warehousemen's Union, Local No. 853, is more than sympathetic to the cause of improving the wages, hours and working conditions of any group of working men and women, and at this writing more than appreciative of the problems facing Local No. 1265 in dealing with Wards.

Warehousemen's Union, Local No. 853, has been active since 1937 in attempting to better the wages, hours and working conditions of Ward employees in Oakland and over a period of years has invested close to a half million dollars in its endeavors for Ward employees.

Within the past two years the Teamsters' Montgomery Ward Council, a national council, was formed and through representing the entire Mail Order Personnel of the nine main houses, and the entire personnel of eight of the nine main retail Ward stores, we have more than begun to bridge the gap of inequities that had existed for so many years.

Neither Local No. 853, its members at Wards, nor the affiliated Teamster Unions and members of the Teamsters' Montgomery Ward Council throughout the nation are as yet satisfied with their present contracts, but will continue to negotiate on a national basis for better contracts with each succeeding year.

The Clerks' International has called for a nationwide boycott of Montgomery Ward by organized labor, by refusing to buy from Wards until such time as the company is willing to meet its demands. We are not at disagreement with Local No. 1265 on this issue except in the following respects:

1. Warehousemen's Union, Local No. 853, has a signed contract covering the entire Ward Retail Store operation in Oakland, California.
2. Warehousemen's Union, Local No. 853, has a signed contract covering the entire Ward Mail Order operation in Oakland, California.
3. Both contracts were ratified and accepted by the personnel involved.
4. Warehousemen's Union, Local No. 853, and its members at the Oakland Retail and Mail Order operation of Ward's request the support of all organized labor by making purchases at the Oakland Store location.

In concluding this letter, the one request the Ward Employees Committee for Organization would make of the general public is that when shopping at Wards, request to be waited on by a member of Warehousemen's Union, Local No. 853.

With best wishes, we remain,

Fraternally yours,

WAREHOUSEMEN'S UNION,
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